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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Madison, charging Bradley J. Peterson, DOB 8/25/56, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, with two counts of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, two counts of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. If convicted, Peterson faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each of the charges related to the methamphetamine and cocaine, and five years in prison on each of the charges related to the marijuana.

The charges against Peterson are the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department.

Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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